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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Incomplete Reply, dated November 28, 2001, issued in response to the Applicants' submission in connection with the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers, dated August 15, 2001, enclosed please find:

- (1) Formal Drawings;
- (2) a new Sequence Listing in paper and computer readable form;
- (3) a Petition for the Extension of Time.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on the date appearing below.

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REMARKS

Please replace the original Sequence Listing with the new Sequence Listing submitted herewith. The new Sequence Listing corrects inadvertent errors in the original Sequence Listing. The new Sequence Listing does not contain new matter. The contents of the paper and computer readable forms of the new Sequence Listing are the same.

The time for response to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers, dated August 15, 2001, had been set for October 15, 2001. Accordingly, a Petition for the Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for a period sufficient to permit the filing of this Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.

The Applicants hereby also make a Conditional Petition for any relief available to correct any defect seen in connection with this filing, or any defect seen to be remaining in this application after this filing. The Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account Number 13-2755 for the Petition fee and any other fees required to effect this Conditional Petition.

Respectfully submitted,

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